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SUBJ: ISRAELI SUSPENSION ISSUE

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1. AMBASSADOR HAD OPPORTUNITY SEEK CURRENT GOG VIEWS ON MOVE TO SUSPEND ISRAEL FROM UN AND ON MIDDLE EAST QUESTION IN GENERAL DURING INFORMAL CONVERSATION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER MOLINA JULY 28. MOLINA SAID GUATEMALA'S OVERALL POLICY WAS ONE OF NEUTRALITY ON MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM. HOWEVER, IT DID SUPPORT RETURN OF ISRAELI OCCUPIED TERRITORITIES TO ARAB COUNTRIES, AND IT WAS EMPHATICALLY NOT RPT NOT NEUTRAL ON THE EXISTENCE OF ISRAEL AS A NATION. HE RECALLED THAT GUATEMALA HAD BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN CREATION OF ISRAEL AS MEMBER OF SECURITY COUNCIL IN 1948. IT THEREFORE FOLLOWED, FOR HISTORICAL AS WELL AS LEGAL REASONS, THAT GUATEMALA WOULD VOTE AGAINST ANY MOVE TO EXPEL OR SUSPEND ISRAEL FROM UN. HE NOTED THAT GUATEMALAN DELEGATION HAD VOTED AGAINST SIMILAR MOVE IN UNESCO AND HAD BEEN ONLY COUNTRY APART FROM US TO DO SO. HE SAID GUATEMALAN DELEGATION HAD DONE SO DESPITE LACK OF INSTRUCTIONS ON ISSUE BUT MOLINA WAS VERY GLAD HE HAD. AMBASSADOR SAID HE WAS VERY
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PLEASED TO KNOW WE COULD COUNT ON

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GUATEMALAN SUPPORT ON THIS ISSUE IN UNGA AND FONMIN
SAID WE COULD BE CERTAIN OF IT.

2. EMBOFF DELIVERED AIDE-MEMOIRE CONTAINED IN REFTEL TO
THIRD-RANKING FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL (AYCINENA)
JULY 29 AND OBTAINED SIMILAR REACTION. AYCINENA
EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR RECEIVING DETAILED LEGAL
BASIS FOR US POSITION AND DESCRIBED MOVE TO SUSPEND
ISRAEL AS "ABSURD". CHAIRMAN FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE
OF GUATEMALA CONGRESS (CASTILLO) TOOK SIMILAR POSITION
IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF JULY 25. COMMENT:
SIGNIFICANTLY, THESE REACTIONS WERE OBTAINED IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING VISIT HERE OF EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY
DELEGATION WHICH ATTEMPTED TO WIN GUATEMALAN SUPPORT FOR
EGYPTIAN POSITIONS.
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